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# HOUSE BILL No. 1216

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-10.1-4-4.5.

**Synopsis:** Character education. Requires public elementary schools to provide good citizenship instruction that includes a formal character development program that is approved by the department of education.

**Effective:** July 1, 2001.

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January 9, 2001, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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Introduced

First Regular Session 112th General Assembly (2001)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2000 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1       SECTION 1. IC 20-10.1-4-4.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2       FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]: Sec. 4.5. (a)  
3       Notwithstanding IC 20-10.1-1-0.5, this section applies only to public  
4       schools (as defined in IC 20-10.1-1-2).  
5       (b) As used in this section, "good citizenship instruction" means  
6       integrating into the current curriculum instruction that stresses the  
7       nature and importance of the following:  
8               (1) Being honest and truthful.  
9               (2) Respecting authority.  
10              (3) Respecting the property of others.  
11              (4) Always doing one's personal best.  
12              (5) Not stealing.  
13              (6) Possessing the skills necessary to live peaceably in society and  
14              not resorting to violence to settle disputes.  
15              (7) Taking personal responsibility for obligations to family and  
16              community.  
17              (8) Taking personal responsibility for earning a livelihood.

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- (9) Treating others the way one would want to be treated.
- (10) Respecting the national flag, the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Indiana.
- (11) Respecting one's parents and home.
- (12) Respecting one's self.
- (13) Respecting the rights of others to have their own views and religious beliefs.

**(c) A public elementary school shall provide good citizenship instruction that includes a formal character development program that:**

- (1) is approved by the department;**
- (2) is secular in nature; and**
- (3) emphasizes the importance of the following values:**
  - (A) Trustworthiness.**
  - (B) Respect.**
  - (C) Responsibility.**
  - (D) Fairness.**
  - (E) Caring.**
  - (F) Citizenship.**

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